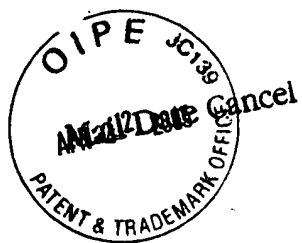


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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-SB-08. Applicants are filing this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. This IDS supplements the IDS filed on August 7, 2003.

Copies of the listed foreign documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate their consideration by making appropriate notation on the attached form.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or full translation of the non-English documents, Applicants enclose a copy of a Notification of Reasons for Rejection issued by the Japanese

Patent Office in counterpart foreign application No. 2003-063733, citing and setting forth the relevance of the non-English documents. An English language translation of the Notification is also enclosed.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists, and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of the documents.

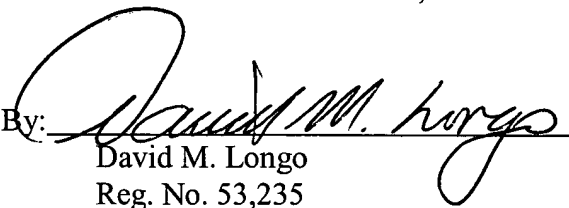
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